

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

T.S. Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of 10.704 ha of Forest Land Proposed in Tadicherla RF, Karimnagar District, for the Belt Conveyor Corridor Project from Kakatiya Thermal Project to Tadicherla Coal Block-I in favour of TSGENCO. – Final (stage-II) approval – Accorded.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 40

Dated: 26-06-2019  
Read the following:-

1. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.12660/2017/FCA-3/PS, Dated:12.12.2017.
2. Govt. Letter No.5350/For.I (1)/2017, EFS&T (For.I) Dept. Dt.09.01.2018.
3. From Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, Chennai F.No.4-TSC115/2018-CHN/0531, Dt.9.04.2018.
4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Lr.Rc.No.5792/2014/FCA-3, Dated:16.10.2018.
5. Govt. Letter No.5350/For.I (1)/2017, EFS&T (For.I) Dept., Dated:22.10.2018.
6. From GoI, MoEF&CC, Chennai F.No.4-TSC115/2018-CHN/0126, Dt:25.01.2019.

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In his letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), T.S. Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 10.704 ha of Forest Land Proposed in Tadicherla RF, Karimnagar District, for the Belt Conveyor Corridor Project from Kakatiya Thermal Project to Tadicherla Coal Block-I in favour of TSGENCO.

2. In their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Chennai have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, Government of Telangana have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad in his letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for according necessary approval.

4. In their letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, the Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para 1 above, under Section 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 10.704 ha of Forest Land Proposed in Tadicherla RF, Karimnagar District, for the Belt Conveyor Corridor Project from Kakatiya Thermal Project to Tadicherla Coal Block-I in favour of TSGENCO, under section-2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;
- ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already realized from the User Agency;

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- iii. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over identified non forest area in Sy No.34/1 of Pandipampula Village of Bhupalpally Mandal of Jayashankar Bhupalpally District from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency. State Forest Department shall ensure minimum of 10704 number of trees to be planted in the identified CA lands;
- iv. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over identified 4 ha of degraded forest area in Compt No.414, Beat Subhashnagar of Koyyuru Range from the amount which has already been realized from the user agency;
- v. Non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation, shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1972 or under the relevant section of the local Forest Act as the case may be, to this office for information and record.
- vi. The non forest land and the degraded forest land identified for CA and the approved CA scheme shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- vii. **At the time submission of the proposal, an extent of 12.0189 ha of non-forest has been proposed for Compensatory afforestation, however, only an area of 10.704 ha has been transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. Hence, clarification on the above cited matter may be furnished to this office within the period of three months from the date of issuing of this letter and map with DGPS co-ordinates of the non-forest area may be furnished;**
- viii. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- ix. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred/ sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- xi. The user agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling;
- xii. Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the user agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

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- xiii. The UA shall construct retain walls and check walls wherever required by consulting the DFO concerned at the project cost.
- xiv. The User Agency shall submit a technical map / drawing showing the height of the conveyor belt to be constructed at various locations throughout the entire length of the conveyor belt;
- xv. The conveyor belt's height shall be increased as proposed wherever it crosses canals and roads;
- xvi. The height of the conveyor belt shall be increased to at least 2.75 mtrs and the width shall be kept as 4 mtrs at Chainage locations reported vide the PCCF, Telangana letter No.5792/2014/FCA-3/PS, dt.02.04.2018 i.e. Chainage 500 (C1), 1000 (C2), 1553 (C3), 2000 (C4), 2474 (C5), 2910 (C6), 3345 (C7), 4054 (C8), 4600 (C9), 5000(C10), 5500(C11), 5880(C12), 6437(C13) to facilitate crossing of Ungulates. In view of the proposed height of the conveyor belt, tree felling shall be restricted to wherever necessary;
- xvii. The Conveyor belt structure shall be operated during day time only as far as possible;
- xviii. The material to be transported through the conveyor belt & related debris shall in no way be thrown down the belt and the forest area shall be kept free of debris;
- xix. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees from the proposed forest area for diversion and the State Forest Department / UA shall try to translocate the trees instead of resorting to felling at the project cost;
- xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 10.704 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- xxi. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Bhupalpally Division in SI No.12 (v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 489.035 ha of forest land and 26.91 ha of non forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office;
- xxii. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;
- xxiii. The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Govt. and to the Regional Office, regularly;
- xxiv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

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6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

The M/s TSGENCO, KTPP, Tadicherla,  
Karimnagar District (User Agency).

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SECTION OFFICER